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Female Tatler.

By Mrs. Crackenthorpe, *a Lady that knows every thing.*

From Wednesday October 12, to Friday October 14, 1709.

SOME time past I promiſed the Town an Account of my Perſon and Family, but the *Buſtles*, the *Stately's*, the *Slenders*, and the *Rheniſhes*, having been Ridiculous beyond my Expectation, I was forc'd to defer the delineating the *Crackenthorpes* till now. Our Family came in with *William the Conqueror*, and have *Bounc'd at Court* in as many Reigns as any Race in *Chriſtendom*; our being taken notice of, proceeded not from immenſe Riches, gotten by ſiniſter Practices, encouraging petty Factions, or flattering the Vanity of the Luxurious Great, but from Religion, Probity, and true Politicks; we were always firm to the Church, Loyal to our Prince, and entire in the Intereſt of our Country; we never gave *Gold* for Court Honours, nor *Coals* for City Diſtinctions, ev'ry body knew a *Crackenthorpe* was a Gentleman, and the proudeſt *Welch* Families have courted an Alliance with us. The Younger Sons of the Family were bred to Divinity, Phyſick and the Law, for no *Crackenthorpe* was ever yet a Tradeſman, who being all Eminent in their Station, acquir'd both Eſtates and Dignities; while the *Elder*, the *Great Crackenthorpe*, who thought that *Title* beyond being created *Lord Foppington*, maintain'd the *Hoſpitality* of his Anceſtors, where, inſtead of Saſhes and Terras Walks, Frittaſees and Tarts made in Pattipans, you have a Magnificent Old Structure, big enough to build Forty Modern Quality Whims, which another Hurricane wou'd blow into a different County; Surloins of good Beef, and the Pair Pye-Cruſt as thick as the Walls of the Houſe; and *Crackenthorpe Caſtle*, at whoſe Gates no *Dun* ever knock'd, was always a happy Refuge for the Poor. The Siſters, which were pretty numerous, and which pert Coxcombs call the Drugs of a Family, by Marriage diſpers'd themſelves amongſt other topping Families; yet, tho' they chang'd their Names, their Deportment and Converſation ſtill ſhow'd 'em to be *Crackenthorpes*, and their Children to the Twentieth Generation, either in Speech, Gate, Antipathies or Inclinations, diſcover'd ſomething of their Grand-mother *Crackenthorpe*. They were always more Inquiſitive about the Antiquity and Virtue of the Families they marryed into, than about their Joyntures, and wou'd never Ally with any Spurious Iſſue, tho' of Princely Blood, nor any Line that had been ever tainted with a Mechanicks Daughter, or Servant Maid: They abhor'd *Smithfield* Bargains, or burying a Blooming Young *Crackenthorpe* in the Arms of an Old Dotard, for the ſake of his Gold, but ev'ry Marriage was ſo adapted, as probably to propagate the Race; and as a decay'd *Crackenthorpe* has been courted by ſeveral *Toms of Ten Thouſand*, ſo a *Crackenthorpe* with Thirty Thouſand Pounds, has countenanc'd many a decaying Family, who cou'd prove themſelves little Inferiour in Birth, Education, Plain-dealing, and Popularity. The Heads of the Houſe, who were ſucceſſively the Pride of the County, always avoided being in Commiſſion, and yet were always apply'd to in the greateſt Differences: They were willing to be Arbitrators, to ſpeak Peace amongſt their Neighbours, without putting them to the Charge of a Warrant, for Juſticeſhip then began to be a Trade, and his Worſhip went ſnacks with his Clerk; neither did they treat away their Eſtates to be choſe Members of Parliament, and hearty in their Votes; and if any pitiful Upſtart denominated by a Monoſyllable, had the aſſurance to oppoſe him, the Appearance of their Old Senator in the Field of Election, immediately aw'd the few Deſerters from his Intereſt, and the Shout was Unanimous, *a Crackenthorpe, a Crackenthorpe.* Then Rivers were made Navigable, Taxes Eaſy, the lighteſt Grievance was Redreſs'd, and the greateſt Advantages obtain'd, for their Repreſentative was true to his Truſt, and prefer'd a *Benefit* to his *Freeholders*, before a *Place* to himſelf. By Living altogether in the Country, except when the Service of it ſummon'd him to the Senate, he avoided ev'n the Ridiculous Vanities of the Town, Gay Equipages, Expenſive Cloaths, and Extravagant Subſcriptions to the Opera's, where the Lyrens Charms have ſeduc'd many a Young Heir, then follows Gaming and other monſtrous Excurſions: The Trees are cut down, the Plate melted, the Houſe unfurniſh'd, the next Term forecloſes the Equity of Redemption, and the following Gazette tells you before what *Maſter* the Eſtate is to be ſold. Inſtead of ſuch Courſes, the *Crackenthorpes* were for extending their Eſtates, and laying up Portions for younger Children, not by ſordid Frugality, or extorting from their Tenants, but from a Regular, Prudent, and Wiſe Method of Living: In ſhort, the *Crackenthorpes* were what ev'ry true *Engliſh* Family ought to be, and what in this Age very few are.

To give my Reader now a Deſcription of my Perſon, ſeems to be an odd Undertaking; all People are in ſome Meaſure touch'd with Self-Conceit, partial to great Defects, and too opinionated of ſmall Beauties, tho' when it riſes to groſs Affectation, it gives ſubject for Ridicule: Did not ſome Women think themſelves Genteel, we ſhou'd ſeldom meet a Trapes; others, that they are Graceful, or fat Women wou'd never Dance Minuets; nay, ev'n crooked People, that their Deformity becomes 'em, or they wou'd not wear Brocade Silks, with a great Gold Flower ſpreading upon the very Hump: laughing at no Jeſt, ſuppoſes white Teeth, always taking Snuff, a fine Hand; Ears ſhou'd be pretty that endure Holes bor'd thro' 'em, and a Shape

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fine that's ſqueez'd up in a ſtrait pair of Stayes; therefore as no Perſon can truly define themſelves, I ſhall only tell the Town, what a ſort of a Woman I'd have 'em imagine me to be. To Embelliſh the Mind, rather than the Body, muſt gain general Eſteem, tho' to appear decent in Habit, ſhows Reſpect to the Perſons we Viſit; tho' a Woman of Fifteen may be a pretty *Play-thing*, yet a Woman muſt be Thirty, before ſhe has a true Management of her Houſe; by that time ſhe has had a little Experience, is at the Zenith of her Underſtanding, and her little Vanities and Affectations are Contemptibly thrown aſide: She then chuſes a Husband with Judgment, manages him with Prudence, and Charms him more with her Converſation, than her Perſon; a middle ag'd, middle ſiz'd Brown Woman, that's neither Awkard nor Coquettiſh, Foppiſh nor Fantaſtical, but Dreſſes her ſelf like a Gentlewoman, moderately in the Mode, with an Eaſy, Affable Diſpoſition, can never want Admirers from ſuch as ev'ry Lady wou'd chuſe, who deſires to be entirely happy. The *Crackenthorpes* were never for marrying Children together, that they might n't part Beds, before they came to Years of Underſtanding; they were Eminent for Conſtancy in Marriages, as well as an entire Friendſhip, throughout the ſeveral Branches of the Family; and as they were never Reigning Beauties, ſo neither the Men nor the Women, had ever the leaſt Deformity in Mind or Body.

†‡† *On* Sunday *next, Mrs.* Crackenthorpe's *Man* Francis *begins to Viſit the Churches of the City and Suburbs, and whatever Clergymen he finds guilty of* Spiritual Lingeridge, *that is, taking a Nap, or ſmoaking a Pipe in the Veſtry, all Prayer time, and then mount the Pulpit; if they do not reform ſo ſhameful an Enormity by the* Sunday *following, they muſt expect to find their Names in Mrs.* Crackenthorpe's *Black-Liſt.*

†‡† *Mr.* Tireſome, *the Jacobite Book-keeper near* Bartl'mew-Lane. *who was formerly mention'd by the* Obſervator *for Remitting Money to St.* Germains, *is deſir'd not to be ſo very Coxcombical (which is his own word) at* Jacob's *Coffee-Houſe; Plays are not Damn'd, tho he Cries 'em down, Books ne're the Sillier for his Conceited Banter aboout 'em, nor do Accounts come even, tho' he caſts 'em up; he is likewiſe admoniſh'd, not to drink the Pretender's Health agen, by the Name of King* James *the Third, as he did in Publick, and to lett his Neighbours Servants alone, both Male and Female.*

†‡† *The Black-haird Cabinet Maker, who puts up for a Wife of Two Thouſand Pounds, tho he declares, his end in Marrying, is to have one to attend him, go to Market, and keep his Houſe in order, is deſir'd, the next Lady he Courts, and Treats with a Shoulder of Mutton, not to let her pay her Clubb towards it, as he lately ſerv'd his Miſtreſs in* Ratcliff-Highway.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

SIr William Read Her Majeſty's Occuliſt, being very ſenſible, (that many of Her Majeſty's Soldiers muſt have receiv'd Damage in their Eyes, or Viſive Faculty, in the late Bloody and unparallel'd Battle, thought fit to give publick notice, for the Benefit of all ſuch Perſons, that he will conſtantly attend at his Houſe in Durham-yard in the Strand. Where all ſuch Perſons, bringing Certificates from their reſpective Officers, ſhall be kindly received, and all due Care taken in order to their ſpeedy Cure Gratis; as it has been his conſtant Practice, ever ſince the beginning of the War. Note, Sir William Read touches Cataracts Gratis, to all ſuch poor People as ſhall be recommended to him as fit Objects of Charity He hath ſeveral to couch this Month and the next, at his Houſe aboveſaid, where he has ſucceſsfully performed above one Hundred ſuch Operations ſince Lady-Day laſt. And any Gentleman or Lady ſhall be welcome to ſee that curious Operation performed, at his Houſe aforeſaid.

PLeaſant Drops for the Chin-Cough, and the Hooping Cough in Children, which to the Aſtoniſhmen of all that uſe them, certainly cures in two or three Days time' and oftentimes in one Day, when the Fits of cougeing has been ſo violent, as render the Children black in the Face, their Breath almoſt ſpent, and ready to drop down dead; and for all other Coughs and Ptificks in Old or Young, is a moſt excellent and approved Remedy. Price 3 s. 6 d. the Bottle. To be had at Mr Spooner's at the Golden Half Moon in Lemon ſtreet Goodmans Fields, near White Chappel, with Printed Directions.

THe *fam'd Chymical Gargle for the Mouth, Teeth, and Gums, ſo delightful to eaſe, that 'tis acceptable to the niceſt Perſon; and indeed for the pleaſantneſs, ſafety and Effects, the like was never known or made uſe of; it makes the Teeth as white as Ivory, faſtens them when looſe, kills the Wnrms at their Roots, and preſerves them good and firm, even to Old Age; it perfectly Cures the Scourvy, Eroſion, and bleeding of the Gums, cauſing the Fleſh to grow (to Admiration) where 'tis eaten away, and ſecures them from that Pain; by waſhing the Mouth with it every Morning, it makes the moſt offenſive Breath ſo ſweet, as that its admired by all, and ſpeedily cures all Diſteampers in the Mouth in Old or Young, whether Soreneſs, Heat, Bliſtering, Rawneſs, Ulcers, Thraſh, Cankers, &c. (which laſt its wonderfully fam'd for) the falling down of the Pallat, Almonds of the Ears, and all ſorts of Sore Throats, whether Swellings, Inflamations, Quinſeys, &c. either from Cold, ſharp Humours, or both. To be had only at Jacob's Coffee-houſe againſt the Angel and Crown in Threadneedle-ſtreet near the Royal Exchange, at 2 s. 6 d. the Bottle ſealed up with Directions.*

The Purifying Spirit.

WHereas Numbers of Men, Women and Children are afflicted, ſome of them continually, and others only Spring and Fall, or at other Seaſons, with Breakings out in divers Parts, and ſome all over the Body. either with Morphue. Scurf, Scabs, Sores, Tetters, Itchings, Pimples Blotches, Leprocies. Scald Heads or other Diſtempers of the Skin; in ſome to cauſe Red Faces, Red Noſes, others Sore Eyes, fiery Blotches. Ulcers, Fiſtula's, &c. proceeding either from ſharp Humours, Scurvy, Kings Evil, or other cauſes in the Blood having adviſed, and know not whether to get a perfect Remedy; Purgings, Vomitings, Sweatings, Bleedings, Bliſterings, Cuppings, Salivations, Iſſues, Diet-Drinks, &c. and outwardly uſed Waſhes, Bathings, Anointings, &c. and that probably for many years together, to little more than palliating the Diſeaſe. This is therefore to give Notice, That a pleaſant Chymical Spirit may be had, which is taken but 3 times a Day, or a little while together (they neith er confine or the leaſt diſorders the Body) Infallibly cures and renders the Blood and Skin incomparably pure and clean, be the Diſtemper of never ſo long ſtanding, never ſo ſtubborn, or ever of Hereditary Derivation from the Parents. Is ſold at Nath. Crouch's, a Bookſeller, at the Sign of the Bell over againſt Grocers Alley in the Poultry, at 5 s. the Bottle with Directions at large.

PUrging Sugar Plumbs for Children, and others of Nice Pallates, nothing differning in Taſte, Colour, &c. from Sugar Plumbs at the Confectioners, having been experienced by Thouſands to ſweeten and purifie the Blood to Admiration, kill Worms, cure Green Sickneſs in Maids, pale Looks in Children, Rickets, Stomach Pains, King's Evil, Scurvies, Rheumatiſms, Dropſies, Scabs, Itches, Tetters, &c. good in all Caſes where Purging is neceſſary, doing all that is poſſible to be done by a purging Medicine; being the cheapeſt, ſafeſt, and pleaſanteſt Medicine in the World, fit for Perſons of all Ranks, Ages and Sexes. Price 1 s. the Box. To be had only at Mr Spoone's at the Golden Half Moon in Lemon ſtreet Goodmans Fields near White Chappel, with Printed Directions.

MArgaret Searl, Wife to the late Sam. Searle Famous for Relieving and Curing Deafneſs, depending on ny External Obſtruction of the Organ of the Ear; who has Practiced this Art above 38 years paſt, and Communicated th Secret to me only, who Practic'd it with him, in his Life time, for many years, after the ſame Way and Method. Still living in Pye Corner, over againſt the Golden Ball, by Weſt Smithfield, London; where I, or my Daughter, is always ready, upon any occaſion of that Nature, to ſerve ſuch as apply themſelves to us Being the Survivors of my Father Edm. Searl, and late Huſbanp to Samuel Searl.

THe Pulmonick Eſſence for all ſorts of Coughs and Colds, being the moſt effectual Medicine ever yet made uſe of; it infallibly curing them in Old or Young, tho never ſo violent or of long ſtanding: It admirably relieves Conſumptions, Aſthmatical, Pthyſical Coughs, and perfectly removes Hoarſneſs, Wheezings, ſhortneſs of Breath, aud in ſhort all Diſtemper of the Lungs whatſoever; and not only reſtores and ſtrengthen them, but defends them from Defluxions and Diſtillations o Rheum, which by falling thereon would ſoon cauſeConſumptions 'Tis exceeding pleaſant and comfortable, and may be taken going abroad in the ſharpeſt Weather, without the leaſt fear or danger of Cold. Is ſold only (to prevent Counterfeits) at Jacob's Coffee, houſe in Threadneedle-ſtreet near the Royal Exchange, London 2 s. 6d. the Bottle, ſealed up with Directions.

MAny pretend to the knowledge of the Imperial Hony Water, and for ſuch it is ſold in ſeveral parts of London, but it is truly Prepard by no other Perſon in England, but Mrs. Prother, at the two Green-balls on the Bank-ſide, near Peterborough Houſe. The Vertues of it are briefly theſe, Outwardly it preſerves the Skin, Hair, Sight, Hearing, Cures moſt Pains, and heals all Sores, even Cancers; it reſtores Strength to Weak and Withered Limbs. Internally, it is one of the beſt of the beſt Cordials, it eaſes all inward Pains, ſtrengthens the Vital and renders a Man Chearful and Vigroous, and paſſeth off Old Age decays of Nature. Theſe are hints enough to any Perſon how to make uſe of this Excellent Water Experience will diſcover a great many other qualifications, which are not thought neceſſary at this time to be Incerted, at the ſame Place are to be had, the Original Kings Drops, whoſe Virtues are as follows, they are good in the worſt of Feavers, Fits, Small-Pocks, the Cholick and Stone, and after Gentlemens hard Drinking It revives the Spirits to take it or ſmell to it; it is ſafe in all Diſtempers, and to be given to Young Children; take 50 Drops in a Glaſs of Sack Night and Morning, or if there be occaſion, 3 or 4 times a Day, they have recovered many when given over by the Doctors.

Sold by *A. Baldwin* at the *Oxford-Arms* in *Warwick Lane.*